

REMARKS

Claims 2-5, 8, 11-13, and 15-26 were allowed in this application after amendments which were noted in the Examiner's Amendment mailed on October 1, 2004.

The Notice of Allowability and the Examiner's Amendment is acknowledged. The Examiner's Amendment has been incorporated into the list of claims provided herein. Additionally, claim 15 has been amended to recite "said multifunctional head" instead of "a multifunctional head."

Response to Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance includes a list of limitations and states that the prior art does not teach nor fairly suggest a dispensing device comprising these limitations. The listed limitations appear to be selected from various independent and dependent claims, and the list does not include all of the limitations of any one of the independent claims. It is not clear from the language used whether the Examiner's statement is intended to imply, incorrectly, that all of the listed limitations in combination in a dispensing device are required to patentably distinguish the prior art of record, or whether any one or an unspecified subset will suffice. The statement of reasons for allowance, to the extent that it implies or suggests that each of the listed limitations is required for a claim to be considered patentable, is believed to be incorrect. Each claim of the application is believed to individually recite a novel and non-obvious combination of limitations, and the statement of reasons for allowance should not be understood to alter the scope or meaning of the novel and non-obvious subject matter explicitly recited in each individual claim.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, this application should remain in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is hereby requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application does not remain in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, any necessary extension of time is hereby requested. If there is a fee

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occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,
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